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Subject: Comments on proposed Microsoft settlement

Dear Sirs,

I don't like the proposed settlement with Microsoft. Rather than addressing Microsoft's anticompetitive behavior, I believe it actually helps them to further strengthen their monopoly by gaining a bigger foothold in the public schools.

I would like to see a settlement that will make it easier for software companies to compete with Microsoft so that consumers such as myself can enjoy tangible benefits, such as improvements in security, better interoperability with other software, or simply lower prices.

My belief is that requiring Microsoft to publish detailed specifications of file formats, communication protocols, and programming interfaces would allow software companies to write interoperable software which would then result in meaningful, realistic, long-term competition in the personal computer software industry.

Thank you for allowing me to email my comments.

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